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CHEROKEE FOR THE SECRETARY FROM EAGLEBURGER

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SUBJECT: PRESS QUERY RE FAREWELL MESSAGES

1. JORDANIAN NEWS AGENCY CARRIED FOLLOWING ITEM,
NOVEMBER 25: QUOTE HIS MAJESTY KING HUSAYN HAS RECEIVED
A MESSAGE FROM U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER
ON THE OCCASION OF THE END OF THE PRESENT U.S. ADMINI-
STRATION. DR. KISSINGER EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION AND
THANKS TO HIS MAJESTY FOR THE EFFECTIVE ROLE HE IS PLAY-
ING TO ACHIEVE PEACE BASED ON JUSTICE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.
IN HIS MESSAGE KISSINGER EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THE
NEW U.S. ADMINISTRATION WILL TAKE GREAT INTEREST IN THE
MIDDLE EAST QUESTION AND U.S.-JORDANIAN RELATIONS.

HIS MAJESTY KING HUSAYN SENT A REPLY TO DR. KISSINGER
EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR THE EFFORTS HE HAS MADE TO
HELP ACHIEVE PEACE IN THE AREA. HIS MAJESTY STRESSED
JORDAN'S DETERMINATION THAT THE DESIRED PEACE IN THE
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MIDDLE EAST MUST BE COMPREHENSIVE AND BASED ON JUSTICE.

END QUOTE.

2. THE ABOVE STIMULATED A QUESTION AT MONDAY'S PRESS BRIEFING AS TO WHETHER YOU HAD SENT FAREWELL MESSAGES TO SOME WORLD LEADERS.

3. THE SUGGESTED RESPONSE FOR USE BY THE PRESS SPOKESMAN HERE FOLLOWS: QUOTE THE SECRETARY HAS SENT NO FAREWELL MESSAGES. SHORTLY AFTER THE ELECTION, HE DID SEND MESSAGES TO SEVERAL WORLD LEADERS ASSURING THEM THAT THERE WOULD BE CONTINUITY IN THE CONDUCT OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY, END QUOTE. WE WOULD NOT RELEASE THE LIST OF NAMES OF THOSE TO WHOM LETTERS WERE SENT. APPROVE DISAPPROVE ROBINSON

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